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We can then consider exposure of Levison or
furnishing the information to the Internal Revenue Service
if appropriate.

ACTION:

It is recommended the Liaison Section obtain from
Internal Revenue Service two uncertified copies each of
Federal tax returns filed by Levison and the Park Management
Company for the past five years. Attached is a memorandum
for use of the Liaison Section.

Enclosure

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① - 100-392452 (Levison)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Re Bureau airtel, 7/18/66.

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LEVISON's friends are his brother, close family and members of the LOEWI family, who seek his advice constantly. He has innumerable and myriad nationally known and highly placed contacts and associates in political, civil rights and fraternal organizations. He appears to be a man who by nature must be involved in organizational work with a mass organization. His bent is generally behind the scene as an organizer with specific direction in fund raising. He has had a tremendous amount of experience in mass work and as a result his advice is frequently sought and accepted.

The Bureau has requested the NYO to prepare a detailed summary of LEVISON's personal and subversive background with emphasis on items presenting counterintelligence potential. All pertinent personal background has been reported to the Bureau and rather than repeat it again in this airtel, the Bureau is requested to review New York Summary report of 6/19/53, and New York report of 2/21/63, which contain all pertinent personal history, background, data and financial background.

Summary of Subversive Activity

An attempt is made to set out LEVISON's CP activity in a chronological order. No attempt is being made to analyze his business activities, either CP, personal or advisory. X

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(c) A fisur on [REDACTED] determined STANLEY LEVISON and [REDACTED] met. (c) b1

[REDACTED] (c) advised the LEVISONs are still active in donors campaign and giving funds. S b1

[REDACTED] (c) both furnished information that STANLEY LEVISON was deeply involved in a civil rights fund raising organization known as In Friendship. S b1

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STANLEY LEVISON to meet. (S)

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[REDACTED] interviewed STANLEY LEVISON. He was courteous but furnished no specific information. He was questioned only concerning his relationship with [REDACTED] S

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A fisur on [REDACTED] determined [REDACTED] and STANLEY LEVISON talked for two hours. S

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This is last known contribution, if, in fact, it was obtained. ~~S~~

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The following is a copy of the memorandum, prepared by [REDACTED] reflecting the information furnished to him by STANLEY LEVISON: (S) b1 JS

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[MEMO:] X

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"A whole group, formerly closely aligned to us, and over many years most generous and constant in their support, are now disenchanted. A series of business reverses affecting all of them makes impossible the continuation of former support. But more important, they indicate no desire to continue even token support. The conclusions of their spokesman is about as follows: X

"In no significant field is anything like vanguard leadership given. Granting that maybe nine-tenths of the activity of CP is without publicity or label, the one tenth visible thru our publications has been pretty thin fare. For example, in the field of civil rights, Ben Davis' article in PA was the sole contribution with original thought in several years. X

"On the matter of Negro relations, the spokesman heavily emphasized the new problem which has become serious, expressions of anti-semitism and of opposition to white liberals in the Negro Press. Cited examples from the Afro and Amsterdam News. The ILGWU is a storm center for this. NAACP and ILGWU ought to be brothers because both leaderships are opposed to mass action, both confine themselves to legal actions pretty much. But today the ILGWU is more than half Negro membership, and not a Negro on the Board or officer. This is resented and anti-semitic overtones are plain to be heard. Incidentally Phil Randolph supports his old friend Zimmerman because of ancient associations. X

"Jewish organizations, for their part are very aware and disturbed by this. Just this week, an all day conference of a gathering of many citywide Jewish organizations discussed a single point: hostility to Jewish people by Negroes. - He has seen no reference to this in our press. X

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"None of this group are in any way enamored by the Chinese position. On the contrary, the spokesman believed that during the Cuban crisis, we gave to little credit to the role of the SU and lionized Castro too much. (The comparison of Castro to Leonidas in a Worker editorial at the time seemed strained). One of them has Latin American connections and accepts as true a tale of reckless advice to the Ecuadorian Party emanating from Cuba. He feels there is evidence of adventurism. S

"In sum, the group had been continuing support out of habit and sentiment alone. Now that they don't have the means, they come out with all the above. They conclude the CP is 'irrelavent' and ineffective. I insisted over his feeling that it was hopeless to ask, that he request of each individual to continue to contribute monthly, on whatever reduced scale he or she wished." S

From this point on, LEVISON's association with the CP is quite confusing and details are somewhat ambiguous. Therefore, we set out complete details of information available. ✓

On 6/3/68, [REDACTED] advised that an unsub male who possibly was identical with LEM HARRIS contacted LEVISON. The unsub male suggested that he and LEVISON should get together for a brief interview at the "Lions" because "this is urged upon me". LEVISON stated that he was very busy at the moment, preparing for a trip and that he did not know whether he would be able to get together with the unsub male, but LEVISON would contact the unsub male and see if they could work something out. S

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Personal Life

As pointed out in this airtel, no derogatory information has been developed concerning LEVISON's personal activities, although sources have been developed on him both at home and away.

Financial Activities

LEVISON is a man of some wealth. We have never been able to fully develop his entire business activities separating legitimate, CP or advisory services. It would appear that he has earned more than claimed [REDACTED]

The Bureau may wish to consider advising the Internal Revenue Service concerning this matter.

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IRS.

Public Source Information

Other than the ALSOP article, there is no subversive derogatory information available concerning LEVISON other than the American Law Students Association in the 1930's.

Recommendations for Neutralizing LEVISON

As previously set out, LEVISON was temporarily and partially neutralized after the appearance of the ALSOP article. However, even in LEVISON's presence, an Assistant Attorney General warned MARTIN LUTHER KING of LEVISON's background, yet this had no apparent effect on MARTIN LUTHER KING. Therefore, we must assume that we cannot neutralize LEVISON by furnishing information to MARTIN LUTHER KING and/or others, but we must depend on publicizing derogatory information such as the ALSOP article. The NYO is not aware of the details surrounding the appearance of the ALSOP article. The Bureau is requested to advise the NYO of its information so that a recommendation can be made in this regard.

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In 1962, STANLEY LEVISON appeared before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee and refused to answer questions, however, he did introduce an unsworn statement denying past CP membership. The Bureau is requested to advise whether it is able to have this released since it would have a damaging effect on LEVISON, which in turn would become publicly knowledgeable to MARTIN LUTHER KING and the civil rights movement.

The NYO has considered reinterviewing LEVISON is an attempt to neutralize him. However, there is not much we can derive from this, as he is aware of the Government's knowledge of him as furnished to him by an Assistant Attorney General and the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee. If he did cooperate we could obtain a wealth of detailed information concerning the CP. It is felt an interview of LEVISON at this time could appear to be more of a harrassing effect on the Civil Rights movement than a legitimate investigative technique.

Our observation regarding Internal Revenue Service action is more harassing than neutralizing and is not included here.

The NYO has considered this matter extensively and held a conference with Agents knowledgeable in the LEVISON case, CIRM and Counterintelligence. We are of one opinion that the only effective way to neutralize LEVISON is by public exposure. If this is possible we cannot guarantee success as MARTIN LUTHER KING has said in the past that he accepts a statement made in good faith repudiating past CP affiliation and this is evidenced by his continued association with BAYARD RUSTIN. But the chances of a public repudiation of the CP by LEVISON may not be forthcoming as he has previously refused to do so.

Involvement in Mass Activities

LEVISON has for years been involved in organizations promoting social and legal reform. When he first came to the attention of the Bureau, he was a member of the American Jewish Congress and in fact, was the President of one of its chapters. This affiliation has continued until the present time, and his involvement is even greater than ever before.

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In 1956, LEVISON was active in promoting activities to bring about the downfall of Senator MC CARTHY and the McCarran Act. His participation was to the extent that he contacted many influential people in all walks of life and sought their support in his efforts. &

It was in the same year that he was also active in promoting the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund, and the Montgomery Improvement Association.

The Montgomery Improvement Association, a fund raising organization for the benefit of MARTIN LUTHER KING and his program in Montgomery, Alabama, held an affair at Madison Square Garden. LEVISON was one of its most active promoters.

It was during the Montgomery Improvement Association drive that LEVISON and KING strengthened their relationship and from it, LEVISON is now KING's principal advisor, the extent of which the Bureau is aware.

Other organizations and activities in which LEVISON lent his hand were the Churchmen, and the Youth March on Washington, D.C., in 1959, and In Friendship, a fund raising civil rights organization.

It is, therefore, evident that LEVISON, in projecting himself, has used many organizations. The two principal activities which he now supports are the American Jewish Congress (AJC) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which KING heads.

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1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Deakin

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To: SAC, New York (100-129802)

From: Director, FBI (100-3-104-34)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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(STANLEY DAVID LEVISON)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

ReBuairtel 7/18/66 and reNYairtel 8/15/66.

The Bureau very much appreciates the work New York put into referenced New York airtel. The Bureau is now making arrangements to check Levison's income tax returns and his testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

The Bureau has no information concerning the Alsop article about Levison.

In view of the lack of public source material concerning Levison and the sensitivity of our sources close to him, the Bureau desires to obtain as much information as possible concerning Levison's personal life.

You should develop detailed information concerning his family, his mode of living, his daily routine, his business ethics and his morals. A comprehensive picture of Levison's personal life is desired.

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NOTE: We are making a comprehensive review of Levison's subversive and personal life in view of his status as advisor to Martin Luther King and his Communist Party affiliation.

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1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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**STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

Stanley David Levison, born May 2, 1912, married, resides at 585 West End Avenue, New York, New York. He operates the Park Management Company, a realty firm, at Room 1106, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

It is requested two uncertified copies each of the Federal tax returns filed by Levison and the Park Management Company for the past five years be made available.

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1 - 100-392452 (Levison)

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NOTE:

See note Baumgardner to W.C. Sullivan dated 8/30/66 under caption "Communist Party, USA, Counter-intelligence Program, Internal Security - C (Stanley David Levison) as prepared by TJD:jav,

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Deakin

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STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

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Levison appeared before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on April 30, 1962. He plead the Fifth Amendment and refused to answer any questions. However, before testifying, he submitted an unsworn statement denying past or present membership in the Communist Party.

We are endeavoring to develop counterintelligence techniques to neutralize Levison. The record of his appearance before this committee might be valuable in this endeavor.

ACTION:

It is recommended the Crime Records Division obtain Levison's testimony and statement and determine whether they are part of the public record or, if not, whether they could be made public.

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Reference memo from Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan dated 8/31/66 (attached) wherein it was recommended and approved that the Crime Records Division obtain a copy of Levison's testimony on 4/30/62 and an unsworn statement which he submitted in connection with his testimony. It was also recommended and approved that it be determined whether these are part of the public record or, if not, whether they could be made public.

On 9/2/66 there was obtained from [redacted] the attached copy of the testimony of Levison on 4/30/62 which incorporates into it the statement submitted by Levison when he appeared before the Committee on that date.

[redacted] pointed out that this testimony was in Secret Executive Session and is classified as "Secret." He also pointed out that if it is desired to use this testimony, or any part of it, in such a way as to involve making it public, it would be necessary to secure approval of a majority of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee to authorize the release of the testimony.

RECOMMENDATION

That this memo and the attached transcript of testimony be routed to the Domestic Intelligence Division for its information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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CAROL HOOVER

A news item in "The Atlanta Daily World" (an Atlanta, Georgia daily Negro newspaper), dated May 21, 1965, titled "Albany 'Justice' Assailed" datelined Hapeville, Georgia, sets forth information regarding a semi-annual board meeting of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) held in Hapeville during the previous weekend. The article reports that Miss CAROL HOOVER, Atlanta, Georgia, an administrative assistant at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was one of four new members added to the board of SCEF at this meeting.

A characterization of the SCEF is attached hereto.

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"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "Organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 2, 1965, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

On June 2, 1964, the second source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a Communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed Communist principles.

The second source advised on May 27, 1963, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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The news broadcast referred to was monitored
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Interview of RUSTIN at the Atlanta Airport was
observed from a most discreet distance. RUSTIN was
approached by personnel of station WSB within moments
of alighting from his flight. He appeared to display no
objection to this interview which was conducted in public
view. JONES, LEVISON, WACHTEL, and the Negro male who met
them stood nearby during this interview. News media
personnel appeared to display no interest whatsoever in
JONES, LEVISON or WACHTEL.

This interview negates possible counterintelligence
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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

On October 10, 1966, the Atlanta Constitution, a daily Atlanta newspaper, on page 9 of its morning edition, published an article captioned "King Weighs Opposing All Black Power Groups" bylined GENE ROBERTS. This article referred to an interview of Reverend KING on October 9, 1966 regarding divergence of policy among various civil rights organizations and the need for unification thereof. The article credited Reverend KING with saying he felt there was now a need for SCLC to decide " - - whether the philosophies of his Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the black power organizations are so diametrically opposed we can't get together." In this connection the article continued "He added that he and his top aides would try to reach a decision on this question on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, when he has scheduled a closed door meeting to discuss ways of combating a new wave of white backlash."

Special Agents of the FBI, on October 12, 1966, observed CLARENCE JONES, STANLEY LEVISON, BAYARD RUSTIN, and HARRY WACHTEL arrive at the Atlanta Airport at 7:10 p.m., via Eastern Airlines flight number 103. These individuals were met by a male Negro (identity not known) driving a 1965 Ford country sedan bearing 1966 Georgia registration 1J-45510. They shortly thereafter proceeded in the aforementioned automobile to University Plaza Apartments, Inc., 635 Fair Street, S. W., Atlanta, which they entered at 7:58 p.m.

In a news broadcast commencing at 11:00 p.m., October 12, 1966, station WSB TV, Atlanta presented a brief interview of BAYARD RUSTIN conducted October 12, 1966 at the Atlanta Airport. Introductory comments to this interview stated RUSTIN was in Atlanta to attend an SCLC conference pertaining to "black power." The interview of RUSTIN was essentially limited to several comments by him in opposition to the qualifications of Georgia gubernatorial candidate LESTER G. MADDOX of Atlanta.

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Records of the Georgia State Motor Vehicle Bureau, Atlanta, on October 12, 1966, revealed 1966 Georgia registration 1J-45510 was currently issued to SCLC.

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CLARENCE JONES

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

A confidential source advised on February 26, 1957, that he had identified a photograph of CLARENCE JONES as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of, and in a position of leadership in, the Labor Youth League. ~~X~~

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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BAYARD RUSTIN

In "The Saturday Evening Post," issue of July 11-13, 1964, page 76, BAYARD RUSTIN is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, RUSTIN is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party." Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York RUSTIN gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker," February 11, 1957, page 1, column 2, reported that BAYARD RUSTIN, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 10th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP, USA) held in New York City on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1955.

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A confidential source advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that BAYARD RUSTIN contacted BENJAMIN J. DAVIS on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, DAVIS told RUSTIN that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which RUSTIN was to speak. ~~X~~

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Ming Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

A confidential source advised on January 21, 1964, that as of that date, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The New York Times," August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

There has been no information since referenced report indicating CP activity by LEVISON. As in the past, even though this is the case, a report is submitted instead of a letter since LEVISON continues to be very active in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which is headed by MARTIN LUTHER KING. However, this relationship is not reported herein since the Bureau has instructed that such information be reported in the CIRM and COMINFIL SCLC cases.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will continue to follow and report activities of STANLEY LEVISON.

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Director

United States Secret Service

Department of the Treasury

Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Stanley ~~David~~ ~~Lev~~ ~~son~~

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
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 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Date: 11/8/66

Office: New York, New York

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Title:

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

STANLEY LEVISON as of 11/3/66, resided at 585 West End Avenue, NY, NY, and operated the Park Management Company at 1841 Broadway, NY, NY. Confidential sources who are apprised of certain phases of CP activity in the NY area, were contacted in November, 1966, but could furnish no information regarding LEVISON.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDA. Residence and Employment

On November 3, 1966, STANLEY LEVISON and wife BEA, resided at 585 West End Avenue, New York, New York, and STANLEY operated the Park Management Company, at 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA (CP, USA)

Confidential source, who are aware of certain phases of Communist Party activities in the New York area, were contacted in November, 1966, regarding STANLEY LEVISON, but furnished no information concerning him.



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New York, New York
November 8, 1966

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Source advised that STANLEY LEVISON and RACHAEL (RACHAEL DU BOIS, representative of Project Dialogue, SCLC) were in conversation, during which time they discussed a foundation which was being formed by the SCLC. LEVISON said in this regard that he was going to Chicago, Illinois on 9/26/66 to handle the legal papers concerning the foundation.

Discussion also took place regarding two articles which were reported in "The New York Times", 9/19-20/66, concerning the civil rights movement. LEVISON said the articles were a disgrace, because they quoted certain people as saying the liberal support for the civil rights movement was decreasing due to their disenchantment with the riots of this past summer.

Contact between LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC) also took place on that date. Their conversation was in regard to SCLC financial matters. In this regard, they discussed ways to increase their efforts in fund raising activities, such as benefits and freedom rallies.

The forementioned was reported in greater detail in airtel and LHM of 9/21/66, and captioned "COMINFIL SCLC". Copies of this LHM were also disseminated to the Atlanta and Chicago Offices, as well as to New York files.

9/29/66

Source furnished information that STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING were in conversation on that date, during which time LEVISON informed KING that Dr. KENNETH CLARK (a professor at City College, NYC, and official of HARYOU ACT) wanted to talk to him in the near future about a meeting he had with STOKELY CARMICHAEL (Chairman of SNCC). KING mentioned that he would get in touch with CLARK.

KING said he got sick last night (9/29/66) when LESTER MADDOX was chosen as the Democratic nominee for Governor of Georgia, and said he could see this sickness developing in the whole nation. He said he could see a tragic development taking place, and that black power was at its most powerless point.

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KING said he wanted to have a two or three day meeting to decide what to do about the black power question. He then referred to a statement of WHITNEY YOUNG (Executive Director of the Urban League) that he was upset about the nation as a whole and with the white America which sends them to war against poverty and does not give them the instruments. YOUNG, KING continued, was thinking of resigning, and that he was thinking of doing the same. LEVISON made the observation that resigning would not be shocking enough to white America.

The forementioned was also reported in New York airtel and LHM dated 10/4/66, and captioned "COMINFIL SCLC", copies of which were furnished to the Atlanta and Chicago Offices.

10/3/66

Source advised that LEVISON and CARLA DRIJA of Bank Street College, New York, New York, were in contact concerning an appointment they had had for that night. LEVISON requested DRIJA to meet him some other night because he had a bad cold. This was agreeable with her and they agreed to meet again on 10/6/66.

As the Bureau is aware, the forementioned girl is a female companion of LEVISON, and the NYO has been trying to effect a counter-intelligence tactic, to neutralize LEVISON's influence over MARTIN LUTHER KING. Consequently, DRIJA is believed to be the key to a successful effort on the part of the NYO to neutralize LEVISON.

Although there was no dissemination of this, the Bureau was notified by airtel dated 10/7/66, and captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM; IS-C (STANLEY LEVISON)".

10/5/66

Source advised that STANLEY LEVISON planned to meet with CLARENCE JONES, JACK O'DELL (former National Committee member of the CP) and JOSEPH OVERTON (President of the Harlem Community Council). LEVISON was to hold the meeting at 2:00 p.m., 10/5/66, in his office.

On 10/5/66, Special Agents of the NYO observed LEVISON enter the building wherein he has his office. Shortly thereafter, he was followed by O'DELL and JONES.

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The above was disseminated to the Bureau, Atlanta and New York files in airtel and LHM dated 10/7/66. The communication was captioned "CIRM".

10/11/66

Source advised that STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES were in discussion, during which time JONES told LEVISON that DOUGLAS PUGH had informed him that MC GEORGE BUNDY and the Ford Foundation were quite interested in MARTIN LUTHER KING and the SCLC. According to JONES, PUGH said one of the "policy discussions" of the foundation was concerned with the programs they might finance in the civil rights movement and that PUGH was directed to see if he could sit in on the discussions that KING and his advisers would be having.

LEVISON mentioned that he had spoken with an individual from the Ford Foundation for several hours and was told the same thing, that they were very interested. He said he talked with KING about what kind of proposals to make and that he, LEVISON, raised the matter of voter registrations in the South on the basis that there is much work to be done and foundations used to support this. He said KING felt this was top priority for them.

The above, along with other information from another source, was disseminated to the Bureau, Atlanta and New York files by airtel and LHM dated 10/13/66, and captioned "COMINFIL SCLC".

10/15/66

Source advised that STANLEY LEVISON and BAYARD RUSTIN (organizer of the March on Washington, D. C.) were in contact on that date regarding "black power" and a statement which appeared in "The New York Times" on 10/14/66, concerning the issue. LEVISON commented that the article was placed in the paper intentionally so as to get KING to take a stand on the controversial subject. The article was captioned "Doctor King Endorses Racial Statement, Backs Negro Repudiation of Black Power Concept". LEVISON said KING had told him that he (KING) was under the impression he should support those who put the statement in the press.

RUSTIN made the observation that KING would be in a jam when hundreds of Negroes in the country would be endorsing and signing a statement of this nature, if his name was not on it. RUSTIN said he thought it was a very serious

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mistake for KING to have signed the statement. LEVISON said it was his feeling that KING would not sign the statement no matter how many people signed it. LEVISON suggested that RUSTIN write to KING about the situation.

LEVISON, while in contact with ANDREW YOUNG (Executive Director of the SCLC) said he thought KING should write to "The New York Times" and clarify his position on the subject of black power.

The forementioned was disseminated to the Bureau, Atlanta and to New York files in airtel and LHM dated 10/17/66, and captioned "CIRM" (Bureau 100-442529).

10/19/66

Source furnished information that STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING were in contact on that date. KING related that he had had a meeting with MC GEORGE BUNDY of the Ford Foundation earlier in the morning in the office of HARRY WACHTEL. KING related that the meeting went very well and in fact, the Foundation plans to send some personnel to Atlanta, Georgia to work out the proposal concerning voter registration in the South.

KING said BUNDY would present the proposal on voter registration to his Board (Ford Foundation) in December, 1966. BUNDY, according to KING, is convinced that the Foundation will make a large grant to the SCLC.

KING then reminded LEVISON of the meeting scheduled for 2:30 p.m. that date in his suite at the New York Hilton Hotel. KING said Dr. KENNETH CLARK (Psychology Professor at City College, New York, New York); CLARENCE JONES; ANDY YOUNG (Executive Director of the SCLC) would be there to meet with him. LEVISON said he would be there without fail.

In view of the above, Special Agents of the NYO observed STANLEY LEVISON enter the elevator on 10/18/66, which went to the floor on which KING was staying. Subsequently, CLARENCE JONES and CLARK were observed.

The forementioned was disseminated to the Bureau, Atlanta and New York files in an airtel and LHM dated 10/19/66, and captioned "COMINFIL SCLC" (Bureau 100-438794).

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10/25/66

Source advised that LEVISON and JESSIE JACKSON (SCLC staff member assigned to operation "bread basket" in Chicago) were in contact. JACKSON was concerned as to whether LEVISON was coming to Chicago to help him on the project. LEVISON promised to be there on Tuesday (10/25/66) and agreed to work with JACKSON on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Another matter considered was the term "black power" and in this regard, LEVISON told about a discussion with a rabbi from Cleveland, Ohio, whom he described as an apologist for "black power". LEVISON said when he (LEVISON) argued that the term was not a good slogan, but stressing at the same time the need for power and the need for black consciousness, the rabbi argued that the term was a good slogan.

During the same contact, LEVISON and JACKSON discussed means by which the SCLC could raise funds.

The forementioned was reported in great detail in New York airtel and LHM dated 10/25/66, and captioned "COMINFIL SCLC". Copies were disseminated to the Bureau, Atlanta, Chicago and New York files.

10/29/66

Source advised that STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING were in contact on that date. LEVISON commented that in regard to SCLC fund raising, some method should be instituted whereby the name of a contributor could be researched to determine if he has a greater potential for giving and if so, he could be made a regular friend of the organization (SCLC).

KING mentioned that he recently met with DICK RUSSELL, whom he characterized as a multi-millionaire, a militant opponent of the war in Vietnam and a former supporter of the Urban League and the SCLC. RUSSELL, according to KING, switched his support from the SCLC to the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), when these organizations became more active in anti-Vietnam activities. RUSSELL has now become disenchanted with these organizations and would like to resume his association with the SCLC, KING remarked.

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KING also mentioned that RUSSELL wanted to organize a new company which would be half owned by the SCLC. It would be the type company which would sell products that the purchaser could buy knowing that the profits would go to the SCLC.

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11/8/66

Source furnished information that a conference between MARTIN LUTHER KING, STANLEY LEVISON, CLARENCE JONES and ANDREW YOUNG took place that date. Conference concerned an article appearing in the "New York Daily News", 11/8/66, captioned "King Woos Hoffa Dollars For His Rights Campaign". KING became disturbed over this article and the possible reflection of an association with JAMES HOFFA on the civil rights movement and on KING himself. LEVISON and JONES attempted to persuade KING that the article in its context resolved the problem in that the primary reason for the meeting was that the Teamsters have a Negro membership of four hundred and fifty thousand and is the largest organized group of Negroes in the nation. KING maintained that to represent the meeting as anything other than an appeal for funds would be dishonest and the fact that he would be associating with a crook and a criminal would be in complete opposition to his role as a "man of God".

The above was furnished in greater detail in a teletype captioned "COMINFIL SCLC", 11/8/66. This teletype was in lieu of a LHM; copies were sent to Atlanta and WFO.

11/12/66

Source advised that LEVISON and DICK RUSSELL were in conference to determine when it would be suitable for them to meet, to discuss the formation of the new company which will eventually benefit the SCLC. It was agreed that LEVISON would go to RUSSELL's house on Wednesday, 11/16/66. RUSSELL furnished his telephone number, a check of which disclosed that he resides in Hartford, Connecticut.

Dissemination in airtel and LHM dated 11/16/66, and captioned "COMINFIL SCLC". Copies were furnished to the Atlanta and New Haven Offices and to NYO files.

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11/21/66

Source advised that LEVISON was in Atlanta, Georgia for the purpose of conducting SCLC business. Disseminated in airtel and LHM dated 11/22/66, and captioned "COMINFIL SCLC", copies of which were furnished to Atlanta and New York files.

11/23/66

Source furnished information that LEVISON and MICHAEL MILLER of the Ford Foundation were in conversation concerning the SCLC. LEVISON said he had talked to KING about several proposals he had made concerning new projects he would like to see initiated, and learned that KING was especially interested in the one relating to urban affairs, and the one relating to the "President's report". In fact, according to LEVISON, KING plans to be in Washington, D. C., to testify during hearings that will be held to consider his report (apparently alluding to some report the White House has sent to Congress or to some other Government agency).

Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta and New York files in airtel and LHM dated 11/28/66, and captioned "COMINFIL SCLC".

12/3/66

Source advised that LEVISON and CHAUNCEY (CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, Chicago attorney and advisor to MARTIN LUTHER KING and the SCLC) were in conversation. It was during their contact that CHAUNCEY told that a four million dollar Federal Housing Administration (FHA) credit has been allocated to MARTIN LUTHER KING and the movement (SCLC), and the Community Relations Foundation is going to process it.

Information in great detail was furnished the Bureau, Atlanta, Chicago and New York files in airtel and LHM dated 12/6/66, and captioned "COMINFIL SCLC".

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[REDACTED] is a technical surveillance (tesur) on the residence of Stanley David Levison, Apartment 3-D, 585 West End Avenue, New York City. It was authorized 5/28/65 and installed 6/15/65. There had been prior installations dating back to 1962.

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Examples of valuable intelligence derived through this tesur during the past 90 days are as follows: In September and October, 1966, King and Levison conferred on two occasions as to what position King should take concerning "black power." Levison advised King to keep in the middle, which he has done. On October 19, 1966, King advised Levison that he had met with McGeorge Bundy of the Ford Foundation. According to King, Bundy is convinced that the Foundation would make a large grant to King's group. On November 8, 1966, King and Levison discussed whether or not King should meet with James Hoffa, President of the Teamsters Union in Washington, D. C. Levison urged King to go ahead with the meeting despite the publicity concerning it. Also in November and December, 1966, King was in conference with Levison as to what points he should make when he testifies before Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff's Senate Subcommittee on Executive Reorganization Studying Urban Decay. It was decided that King should make some statement opposing the U. S. policy in Vietnam.

Because of the extreme importance of the Levison-King tie to the civil rights movement and communist influences therein, plus the demonstrated past value of this source, its continuation for another 90 days is recommended. It is noted that specific authority for the continuation of this tesur was last justified to the Attorney General by memorandum dated July 5, 1966.

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

JUNE

January 16, 1967

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

In response to the attached letter, dated 12/27/66, Acting Attorney General Ramsey Clark approved in writing the lists of electronic surveillances submitted to him. His approval was dated 12/29/66, with a note that such approval was through 3/31/67.

Captioned surveillance was one of those on the list. For completion of Bufile, a copy of this is being placed in the file of captioned case.

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The Acting Attorney General

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Gale (no encls.)
1 - Mr. Rosen (no encls.)
December 27, 1966
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - [REDACTED]

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ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCES

Reference is made to memorandum from Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley requesting that you be furnished with a current listing of those telephone and electronic surveillances which we believe should remain in operation beyond December 31, 1966.

The lists are attached and space has been provided on each list for your approval of their continuation. You may retain the copy for your records.

In the past individual letters have been sent to you in each instance in which we had an electronic surveillance and its continuance was desired. I thought you might desire to consider employing the same procedure in the future as has been done in this instance. We could prepare on a quarterly basis for your approval a similar list of electronic surveillances that are in operation and which we desire to continue using. This, of course, would in no way alter our present policy of requesting your authorization for installation of an electronic surveillance in each case and, following approval, notifying you of its actual installation. We would also continue to advise you each time an installation is discontinued.

If you approve of consolidating requests to continue operation of our electronic surveillances, we would submit such lists on the first of April, July, October, and January of each year.

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1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

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NOTE: See memorandum C.D. Brennan to Mr. W.C. Sullivan, dated December 23, 1966, captioned as above, prepared by CCL:sss.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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(STANLEY DAVID LEVISON)

Enclosed for New York are two copies of the
Federal Income Tax Returns for Stanley David Levison for
1963, 1964 and 1965.

These are to be used for lead purposes and
possible counterintelligence activity only. Information
in these returns should not be disseminated outside the
Bureau.

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NOTE:

New York requested these returns as part of our effort
to formulate counterintelligence action against this secret
Communist Party member and advisor to Martin Luther King.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Enclosed for New York are two uncertified copies each of Federal Income Tax Returns for Stanley David Levison for 1961 and 1962 and the Park Management Company for 1962. Returns for 1963, 1964 and 1965 will be sent New York upon their receipt from the Internal Revenue Service.

These are to be used for lead purposes and possible counterintelligence action only. Information in these returns should not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

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1 - 100-392452 (Levison)

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NOTE:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

SUBJECT: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON -
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Enclosed are six copies of an LHM containing information as to LEVISON's travel plans for the next two weeks. Two copies are enclosed for the information of the Atlanta Office.

[REDACTED] was the source of the information in this LHM.

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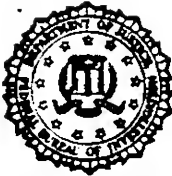
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Stanley David Levison
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised March 7, 1967, that he had learned that Stanley Levison was in contact with his travel agent, the Equitable Travel Service, on that date to arrange travel to Guayaquil, Ecuador, later in the week. Levison was informed that his reservation had already been made for him to leave New York City on Friday, March 10, 1967, en route to Ecuador. After being informed that he would go from Miami to Panama, and then on to Ecuador on Monday, Levison requested that he be permitted to leave from Miami on Friday rather than from New York City.

The reason for Levison's wish to leave from Miami, the source said, was to permit him to go to Atlanta, Georgia, on Wednesday, March 8, 1967, to attend a very important conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) for two days. Consequently, changes were made by the travel agency for Levison to catch a midnight flight from New York to Atlanta on March 8, 1967, and to arrive in Atlanta, Georgia, at 1:59 AM, March 9, 1967. The flight he will take is Eastern Airlines Flight 445.

After attending the conference in Atlanta, Levison will depart Atlanta, Georgia, at 2:10 PM, March 10, 1967, for Miami, aboard Eastern Airlines, arriving in that city at 3:35 PM. He will then leave Miami aboard Braniff Airlines at 5:00 PM that date for Panama, arriving there at 7:30 PM, March 10, 1967.

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Stanley David Levison

Levison will stay in Panama for two days and will be at the Panama Hilton Hotel. He is scheduled to leave there on Sunday enroute to Ecuador. ~~X~~

Although the source was not able to ascertain the exact nature of the trip, he opined that it was for the purpose of letting Levison conduct personal business, since he has interests in Ecuador. Levison will be in Ecuador for approximately two weeks, the source advised. ~~X~~

The following is a description of Stanley Levison:

Date of birth:	May 2, 1912
Place of birth:	New York, New York
Height:	5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 8 inches
Eyes:	Brown; wears dark horn- rimmed glasses
Hair:	Black, greying
Complexion:	Fair
Residence:	585 West End Avenue, New York, New York
Employment:	Attorney and Real Estate Broker, with offices at 1841 Broadway, New York City

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To:

☒ Director FBI

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Title STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
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Re LHM.

The Bureau is requested to refer to page 1, paragraph 1, line 2 where it will be observed that the date the information was furnished was omitted. Consequently it is requested that after the word advised that March 7, 1967, be slashed in.

SAC JOHN F. MALONE

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Office NEW YORK



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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EX-102

Date: March 14, 1967

To: Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: STANLEY DAVID LEVISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

1 - Liaison

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Information was recently received that captioned individual planned travel to Panama and Ecuador. In this connection there is enclosed for the information of both recipients of this communication, one copy of a memorandum dated March 7, 1967, containing available data regarding his travel plans. Pertinent reports concerning the subject have been previously furnished the recipients of this letter.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley (Enclosure)
Assistant Attorney General

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BY COURIER SVC.

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Enclosure

2 - New York (100-111180)

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NOTE TO SAC, NEW YORK:

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New York maintain contact with your sources in order that you will be promptly notified of any additional travel data, including the subject's return to the United States. Submit pertinent data developed in memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

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NOTE:

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[REDACTED] and is close associate of and advisor to Martin Luther King, head of Southern Christian Leadership Conference. State Department and Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice being advised separately of subject's travel for information purposes. (c)

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12/6/66

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Source advised STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING were in contact to discuss KING's scheduled appearance before Senator ABRAHAM RIBICOFF's Committee on Urban Affairs on 12/15/66. LEVISON maintained he would meet with MICHAEL MILLER of the Ford Foundation that night to work on KING's testimony.

Also they discussed the four million dollar mortgage commitment approved by the Federal Housing Administration for the SCLC's benefit. With regard to the need for twenty five thousand dollars to get the slum project going, LEVISON said he had taken fifteen thousand of his own money and had received ten thousand from DICK RUSSELL.

LEVISON also discussed at length what KING should say in his testimony before the RIBICOFF Committee.

Disseminated by Airtel and LHM dated 12/9/66, captioned, "Cominfil SCLC", Bufile 100-438794. Copies to Bureau, Atlanta, Chicago, and NYO.

12/8/66

Source, in reporting MARTIN LUTHER KING's presence in NYC., reported what KING did in conducting business of SCLC, specifically:

KING met with MICHAEL MILLER to discuss a grant the SCLC was promised by the Ford Foundation. The meeting took place in the law office of HARRY WACHTEL.

KING also met with representatives of the Stern Foundation to work out a grant to SCLC.

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12/12/66

LEVISON and KING conferred regarding KING's scheduled appearance before the RIBICOFF Committee.

This information, along with the information of 12/8/66, disseminated in Airtel and LHM on 12/12/66, captioned "Cominfil SCLC". Bufile 100-438794 - copies went to Atlanta, WFO, and NYO.

12/16/66

Source furnished results of conversation between LEVISON and CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, Chicago attorney. Their conversation concerned controversy over eavesdropping. Exact transcript submitted to Bureau in Airtel dated 12/16/66, and captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING", Bufile 100-106670.

12/20/66

Source advised that LEVISON and THOMAS OFFENBERGER, of the SCLC Public Relations Office, conferred about MARTIN LUTHER KING's leave of absence from the SCLC to write a book.

Disseminated in Airtel and LHM dated 12/22/66, and captioned "Cominfil SCLC." Copies sent to Atlanta, Chicago, and New York.

1/5/67

Source advised that STANLEY LEVISON, MARTIN LUTHER KING and BERNARD LEE were in contact. LEVISON related that CAREY MC WILLIAMS, the Editor of "The Nation" had contacted him to see if KING would participate in a conference in California on 2/25/67.

In describing the conference, LEVISON said it would be to examine United States foreign policy as it concerns the Pacific and in particular, Vietnam.

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Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta and NYO, by Airtel and LHM dated 1/10/67. The communication was under the "MARTIN LUTHER KING" caption; Bufile 100-106670.

1/14/67

Source advised that conference between KING, LEVISON, BAYARD RUSTIN, A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, ANDREW YOUNG, and RALPH ABERNATHY took place. Conference was in regard to controversy over Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL's difficulties with Congress.

RANDOLPH announced he would hold a meeting in his office on Monday, 1/16/67, to discuss POWELL's trouble with civil rights leaders.

Conversation ensued over the personal feelings of the participants in the conference toward POWELL. KING told of having received numerous letters from people who were outraged because he had supported POWELL.

LEVISON's feeling was that if the Negro leaders were to make a statement that POWELL's misconduct was misconduct, it would get a press play that would be big enough to wash out any preliminary or temporary confusion that he may have created.

The conference concluded on a note of agreement that on Monday, 1/16/67, following the meeting at RANDOLPH's office, a statement would be issued pointing out that the Negro leadership concludes that what is involved in this case are principles bigger than ordinary Congressional rules.

Disseminated in Airtel and LHM dated 1/17/67, and captioned "CIRM". Copies to Atlanta, WFO and NYO.

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1/17/67

Source advised LEVISON in contact with BAYARD RUSTIN regarding meeting which took place on 1/16/67, in office of A. PHILIP RANDOLPH and was attended by representatives of several civil rights organizations. The meeting was held to chart a course of action concerning the ADAM CLAYTON POWELL controversy.

According to RUSTIN's report, it was decided that a statement which RUSTIN had prepared should be released on behalf of the civil rights leadership. The essence of the statement was disseminated in an Airtel and LHM dated, 1/18/67, and captioned "CIRM". Copies were furnished to Bureau, Atlanta, and New York files.

1/19/67

Conference took place, according to source, which was participated in by KING, LEVISON, ANDREW YOUNG, RALPH ABERNATHY. It concerned an article in the newspapers reporting remarks of H. WILLIAMS, Project Director of the SCLC, which pointed out that Negroes were not interested in registering to vote in Chicago and, therefore, the Chicago efforts of the SCLC were failing.

It was LEVISON's feeling that WILLIAMS had breached a trust placed in him, and urged that he be fired.

KING was upset by WILLIAMS statement but did not think he should be fired.

Above information was disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta, Chicago, and NYO files, by Airtel and LHM captioned "Cominfil SCLC" - Bufile 100-438794, dated 1/23/67.

2/8/67

Source said LEVISON and DORA MC DONALD were in conference during which time MC DONALD apprised LEVISON that KING would return to the US on Monday, 2/13/67. She said he could be contacted through the office of HENRY ARRINGTON, a Miami attorney.

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MC DONALD then related that KING wanted LEVISON to contact BAYARD RUSTIN to see if he would write a speech for him, which he was to deliver in Los Angeles, California, on 2/25/67, before an affair being sponsored by "The Nation". LEVISON did not think RUSTIN should be entrusted with the task since, in LEVISON's opinion, RUSTIN was very weak on the subject of Vietnam.

LEVISON suggested that TOM OFFENBERGER, of the SCLC Public Relations Office, should write the speech. As a guideline, LEVISON said OFFENBERGER should use KING's testimony before the RIBICOFF Committee hearing, 12/15/66.

This information was disseminated to the Bureau, Atlanta, Los Angeles by Airtel and LHM dated, 2/14/67, and captioned "Cominfil SCLC".

2/7/67

Source advised that STANLEY LEVISON and THOMAS OFFENBERGER conferred that date. LEVISON took the opportunity to express his displeasure with an article which appeared in "The New York Times" on 2/7/67, pointing out that the civil rights movement was dying in the South; and concluded with a statement by ANDREW YOUNG that contributions to the SCLC were down by 40 percent over last year.

LEVISON was very angry that YOUNG had let himself get into such an embarrassing situation. LEVISON contended that it was an inaccurate statement since contributions from white liberals were up, but contributions from Negroes were down, and maintained that this was due to a failure to organize fund raising among Negroes.

According to the source, OFFENBERGER furnished a complete breakdown of SCLC personnel in the South.

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This information, along with other information about the SCLC's activities, were furnished to Bureau, Atlanta, Chicago, and New York files by Airtel and LHM dated 2/10/67, communication submitted under "Cominfil SCLC" caption.

2/2/67

Source advised that LEVISON and Dr. KENNETH CLARK, a professor at City College, NYC., were in contact about a grant from the Ford Foundation to the SCLC. LEVISON wanted to know if the Ford Foundation had decided to make the grant. CLARK answered affirmatively. In fact, CLARK commented that whether or not the Foundation acted before KING returned to the United States from Jamaica, there would be funds with which to operate the organization.

Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta, Chicago, by Airtel and LHM, dated, 2/3/67, captioned "Cominfil SCLC".

2/18/67

Source advised that conference took place on that date between KING, LEVISON, ANDREW YOUNG, and CLEVELAND ROBINSON, concerning KING and the peace movement.

KING, the source advised, is desirous of taking a firm stand against the war in Vietnam and becoming a leader in the peace movement.

KING is apprehensive of losing a Ford Foundation grant if the SCLC becomes involved with a radical group. JAMES BEVEL, Chicago SCLC leader, who is now leading a peace committee, has been pressing KING for support in this matter, but KING intends to stall him until 3/6/67, when KING will attend a Research Committee meeting in NYC.

Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta, and New York, by Airtel and LHM dated 2/21/67, and captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING".

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2/21/67

Source advised that KING, STANLEY LEVISON, HERMINE POPPER, the editor of KING's newest book, and JOAN DAVES, the publisher's representative, would meet in NYC., on 2/24/67, to discuss KING's book.

Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta, and NYO, by Airtel and LHM dated, 2/27/67, and captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING".

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[REDACTED] is a telephone surveillance (tesur) on the residence of Stanley David Levison, Apartment 3-D, 585 West End Avenue, New York City. It was authorized 5/28/65 and installed 6/15/65. There had been prior installations dating back to 1962.

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In January, 1967, it was learned that a group consisting of Norman Thomas, nationally known socialist, and a Yale University Chaplain, wanted to talk to King about the possibility of getting King to run for President of the United States in 1968. Levison counseled King to give this matter some sober thought.

Also in January, Levison counseled King to take a stand publicly supporting Congressman Adam Clayton Powell in his fight to be seated in the United States House of Representatives.

In February, it was learned that Levison had written a chapter in King's new book and was editing parts of it.

Also in February, it was determined that King and Levison would meet with the editor and publisher's representative concerning King's new book in New York City on 2/24/67.

Because of the extreme importance of Levison-King tie to the civil rights movement and communist influences therein, plus the demonstrated past value of this source, it is recommended it be continued for another 90 days.

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Re New York airtel and LHM dated 3/7/67.

Enclosed are six copies of an LHM containing
information concerning LEVISON's return to New York. One
copy is enclosed for the information of the Atlanta Office.[REDACTED] was the source of the information in
this LHM.

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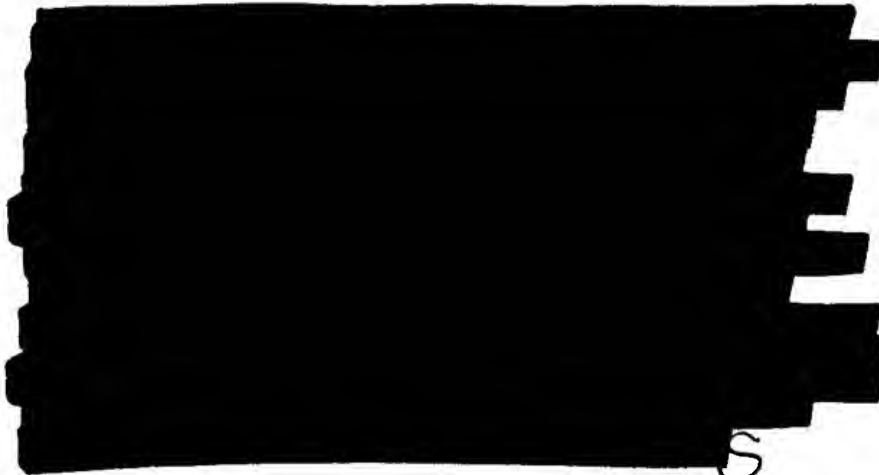
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Stanley David Levison
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Stanley Levison had returned to New York on March 22, 1967. Levison appeared to be in high spirits and was satisfied with the business he transacted while in Ecuador since the business is now organized.



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ReNYairtel and LHM dated 3/7/67, reporting information about LEVISON's plans to go to Panama and Ecuador.

Enclosed are six copies of an LHM containing information as to the date of LEVISON's return to NYC.

[REDACTED] a source close to LEVISON, was the source of the information in the LHM.

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On March 7, 1967, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which disclosed that Stanley David Levison made plans with his travel agent to travel to Guayaquil, Ecuador, later in that week. Enroute to Ecuador, Levison planned to stay in Panama for two days.

Although the source was not able to ascertain the nature of Levison's trip, it was his belief that it was for the purpose of conducting personal business in Ecuador. The source advised that Levison had gone there before to conduct personal business. His plans called for him to be gone for about two weeks.

The same confidential source advised on March 23, 1967, that Stanley Levison returned from Ecuador on March 22, 1967. On March 28, 1967, the source advised that Levison had returned to New York City.



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Re New York teletype dated 4/13/67, wherein was reported contact between MARTIN LUTHER KING and STANLEY LEVISON.

Enclosed are 11 copies of an LHM incorporating information reported in re communication. [REDACTED] was the source of the information. Two copies are enclosed for the Atlanta Office.

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Communist Influence in Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 13, 1967, that Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), were in contact on that date, during which time they discussed King's Vietnam policy. It was in this regard that Levison apprised King as to what progress he had made in writing part of the speech he (King) will deliver on Saturday, April 15, 1967, when he addresses a gathering at the United Nations, which is being sponsored by the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

Levison's part of the speech, which they discussed and which King enthusiastically accepted, was as follows:

"Many sincere people argue, that we should withdraw unilaterally, and I (King) understand the logic of their position. I understand that when France withdrew from Algeria, she benefited not only the Algerians but herself. France earned far more prestige from withdrawal than she might have gained from total victory; but France was fighting in Algeria for years before her people learned that this way out was honorable. The majority of Americans have not yet learned this lesson. Realism compels us to look for a program they can support and which can end the fighting. I think there is such a program -- I believe almost a majority of Americans want the bombings to cease. Let us demand insistently that our Government honor Hanoi's promise to negotiate if the bombings cease."

King thought Levison's part of the speech was written in a very beautiful style, and disclosed that he will use it without any change whatsoever.

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King then revealed to Levison the part of the speech he had prepared. According to King, he will state that the United States deliberately sabotaged the Geneva agreement by calling for elections in South Vietnam and providing that the Seventeenth Parallel was but a temporary line; that the United States deliberately put Premier Diem into power and kept him until it became tired of him, then replaced him with Premier Ky; and that the United States launched bombing raids against North Vietnam on the scale of World War II.

Levison was of the opinion that King should get a sampling of Negro feeling, and suggested he get a private poll project under way to prove that a majority of Negroes want the war to end. King was agreeable to the suggestion, prompting Levison to promise that he would consider how to raise the necessary funds for such a venture.

King revealed that he was in contact with Dr. Ralph Bunche on April 13, 1967, concerning Bunche's criticism of his Vietnam policy. And according to King, Bunche was very sorry for the remarks he had made and finally admitted it by saying: "Martin I want you to know I agree with everything you are saying about Vietnam. I am absolutely opposed to our policy."

The statement made by Bunche, which criticized King, was reported in "The New York Times" of April 13, 1967. It was as follows:

"He (King) should realize that his anti-United States in Vietnam crusade is bound to alienate many friends and supporters of the civil rights movement and greatly weaken it -- an ironic twist for a civil rights leader."

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In the April 14, 1967 issue of "The New York Times", on page 21, it was reported that Dr. Ralph Bunche issued a statement on April 13, 1967, in which he referred to a press release attributed to Martin Luther King in which he disavowed any intent to merge the civil rights and peace movements. Bunche said he was gratified to see King's disavowal of any intent to merge the movements, and that it took care of the issue to which he had directed his statement criticizing him.

King expressed disappointment with Bunche because he would not muster sufficient moral courage to come out openly and make the statement concurring with his position. He could not understand why he would not since, as King said, he is not an employee of the United States.

King will see Bunche on Saturday, April 15, 1967, following the speech at the United Nations. This fact prompted Levison to suggest to King that he make certain that newsmen photograph them with each other. Levison wanted this done for publicity reasons. He felt it was very important that Bunche had changed his position and now supports King.

The same source advised on April 14, 1967, that Stanley Levison and Gloria Kantor, an acquaintance of his, were in contact on that date. Their concern was over the demonstration and march to be held on April 15, 1967, in New York City. In reply to an inquiry as to whether Levison planned to march, he told Kantor he was planning to do so.

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TITLE OF CASE STANLEY DAVID LEVISON		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
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SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c
were the agents who observed LEVISON, CLARENCE JONES and JACK O'DELL enter the building at 1841 Broadway, NY, NY, on 10/5/66.

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_____ a source close to STANLEY LEVISON, which furnishes information of a highly sensitive nature about racial matters in the United States and the Communist influence thereof. The information from this source as to be meeting between LEVISON and JACK O'DELL could not be ascertained from any other source.

7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 2/21/60. Continued next page.

☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____ of his close association with MARTIN LUTHER KING, the President of the SCLC. It is believed by the NYO that any effort to interview LEVISON would result in the disclosure that the Bureau has an interest in this relationship which in turn could jeopardize _____ the source close to LEVISON.

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Director

United States Secret Service

Department of the Treasury

Washington, D. C. 20220

May 8, 1967

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Re: **Stanley David Levison**

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
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STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

As of 4/28/67, STANLEY LEVISON and his family resided at 585 West End Avenue, NY, NY, and operated the Park Management Co., 184 Broadway, NY, NY. In March, 1967, LEVISON was in Ecuador, but returned to NYC on 3/23/67. On 10/5/66, LEVISON had scheduled meeting with JACK O'DELL for 2:00 P.M. in LEVISON's office. On that date, SAS of FBI saw LEVISON enter building wherein he has office, and was followed by O'DELL and CLARENCE JONES. Confidential sources apprised of certain phases of CP activity in NY were contacted in April, 1967, but furnished no information concerning LEVISON.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

As of April 28, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON and family resided at 585 West End Avenue, New York, New York, and was the operator of the Park Management Company, a realty firm located at 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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B. Travel

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On March 7, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON made plans with his travel agent to travel to Guayquil, Ecuador later that week. LEVISON expressed the wish to remain in Panama for two days before going on to Ecuador.

It was the source's belief that LEVISON's trip was for the purpose of conducting personal business, since he has business interests there and had gone there before.

On March 23, 1967, according to the source, LEVISON returned to New York, New York, from Ecuador.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (CP, USA)

On October⁵, 1966, STANLEY LEVISON planned to meet JACK O'DELL and CLARENCE JONES in his office at 2:00 P.M.

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On October 5, 1966, at 1:47 P.M., Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed STANLEY LEVISON enter the building at 1841 Broadway, New York, New York, wherein is located his office. He was followed by JACK O'DELL at 2:00 P.M. and CLARENCE JONES at 2:17 P.M.

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

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On February 26, 1957, the source identified a photograph of CLARENCE JONES as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League. ~~X~~

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The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The 1966 third quarter issue of the magazine "Freedomways" lists J. H. O'DELL as its Associate Managing Editor.

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, publisher of the magazine, "Freedomways" is set forth in the appendix.

Confidential sources, who are apprised of certain phases of Communist Party activities in the New York area were contacted in April, 1967, regarding STANLEY LEVISON, but could furnish no information concerning him. ~~X~~

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APPENDIX

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, U.S.A. (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by JAMES JACKSON.

The Second Quarter, 1966, issue of "Freedomways," self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE, Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON, Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL, Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE, Art Editor

A third source made available information on July 1, 1964, indicating that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, indicating that CLARKE is an "Associate" of AIMS.

On March 16, 1966, a fourth source advised that JAMES JACKSON, accompanied by his wife, ESTHER JACKSON, was scheduled to depart on March 25, 1966, from the United States en route to Moscow to attend the 23rd Congress of the CP of the Soviet Union. This source described JAMES JACKSON

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC. (CONT'D)

as a member of the National Committee, CPUSA.

This source advised in July, 1962, that as of that period, O'DELL was considered by the CPUSA, as being a member of its National Committee.

On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, JACK DEVINE, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

On July 24, 1963, a fifth source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS
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██████████ advised on 5/14/67, that STANLEY LEVISON was in contact with a representative of Mt. Sinai Hospital in NYC on that date. He was told by a representative that he was expected to enter the hospital on Thursday, 5/18/67, in preparation for his operation.

According to the source, LEVISON will be operated on for hernia and will be in the hospital for about a week and will be confined to his residence for about two weeks.

The Bureau will be apprised of all developments in this matter.

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Source advised STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES were in contact on that date. LEVISON reminded JONES of a meeting of the SCLC Research Committee scheduled for 3/6/67, in Maryland. (Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta and New York by 3/7/67 airtel and LHM, captioned "COMINFIL SCLC".)

3/2/67

Source advised on that date that STANLEY LEVISON and ANDREW YOUNG, the Executive Director of the SCLC, were in conversation on that date. YOUNG reminded LEVISON that he, LEVISON, was to meet with MARTIN LUTHER KING on 3/3/67, at the New York Hilton Hotel. Their purpose in meeting would be to discuss KING's newest book. (Disseminated in airtel and LHM, dated 3/7/67, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING", copies to Bureau, Atlanta and New York files.)

3/6/67

Source said LEVISON and an unknown male were in discussion on that date. LEVISON apprised the man about a meeting of the Research Committee, SCLC, which was held in the law office of HARRY WACHTEL, 598 Madison Avenue, NYC.

One of the items considered during the meeting was whether MARTIN LUTHER KING should participate in the New York Spring March in Protest Against the War in Vietnam. All participants in the meeting were opposed except for JAMES BEVEL. (Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta, Baltimore and New York files in airtel and LHM, dated 3/9/67, captioned "COMINFIL, SCLC".)

3/25/67

According to the source, MARTIN LUTHER KING and STANLEY LEVISON were in conference on that date. LEVISON was concerned over KING's involvement in anti-Vietnam war activities and in particular, the effect it will have on the SCLC. LEVISON had in mind KING's decision to participate in the 4/15/67 anti-war demonstration to be held in NYC.

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The aforementioned along with other matters pertinent to the SCLC were disseminated in airtel and LHM dated 3/29/67, and captioned "CIRM", copies to Bureau, Atlanta and Chicago.

3/27/67

Source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING and STANLEY LEVISON, while in conference on that date, decided to hold a meeting in NYC on 4/4/67 to discuss fund-raising for the SCLC. This decision was made in view of KING's anti-Vietnam war statements. It was believed by KING and LEVISON that they might not be able to get funds for the SCLC and for KING in view of his statements, and therefore, felt it necessary to consider other avenues through which funds could be raised. (Disseminated to the Bureau, Atlanta, Chicago and New York files by airtel and LHM captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING" and "COMINFIL SCLC", dated 4/5/67.)

4/5/67

Source advised that LEVISON, while in contact with a man whom source did not know, disclosed that he, LEVISON, had talked with ROCKEFELLER (believed alluding to Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER) recently about Venezuelan iron ore deposits which "they" (ROCKEFELLER Enterprise) were negotiating with the Venezuelan Government. It was during their contact that ROCKEFELLER asked LEVISON to arrange a meeting between MARTIN LUTHER KING and himself so that he, ROCKEFELLER, could talk to him about his stand on Vietnam. ROCKEFELLER told LEVISON he was in such disagreement with KING that he just had to talk to him. (Disseminated in teletype captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING" to Bureau, Atlanta and New York on 4/5/67 and airtel and LHM dated 4/7/67.)

4/5/67

Source advised that LEVISON and ALICE LOEWI, a friend and former business associate, were in contact on that date. They discussed MARTIN LUTHER KING's speech of the previous night at the Riverside Church, NYC, when he urged everyone in the country to become conscientious objectors to military service. LEVISON, in denying that he wrote KING's speech, said he thought ANDREW YOUNG had written it.

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LEVISON was not in complete agreement with KING on the tactics he had used and felt he was "too far out". (Disseminated to the Bureau, Atlanta and New York files in airtel and LHM dated 4/6/67 and captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING".)

4/8/67

According to source, LEVISON and HARRY WACHTEL were in discussion on that date concerning KING's speech at Riverside Church when he criticized the US for its actions in Vietnam.

LEVISON and KING were in contact on the same date. LEVISON told him he was not pleased with KING's speech since it attempted to cover too much ground, was not well thought out, was unbalanced and that it would not appeal to the average person.

LEVISON suggested a full page advertisement in "The New York Times" in order for KING to clarify his position and to answer KING's enemies and critics. (Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta and New York files by airtel and LHM dated 4/11/67, communication captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING" and "CIRM".)

4/11/67

Source advised that KING, LEVISON, HARRY WACHTEL, ANDREW YOUNG and TOM OFFENBERGER, SCLC Public Relations Man, conferred on that date. Their conference concerned an attack made against KING by the NAACP arising from a speech by KING on 4/4/67. It was during the speech that KING urged Negroes to become conscientious objectors to the war in Vietnam.

LEVISON, WACHTEL and OFFENBERGER agreed to prepare separate statements and give them to KING's secretary. Upon receiving their statements, KING and YOUNG agreed to assemble a statement from the three and then deliver the statement on 4/12/67, during a press conference in Los Angeles, California. (Disseminated by airtel and LHM dated 4/12/67, captioned "COMINFIL SCLC", copies to Bureau, Atlanta, Los Angeles and New York files.)

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4/11/67

According to source, LEVISON and DORA MC DONALD, KING's secretary, were in contact concerning a statement KING was to make in Los Angeles, California on 4/12/67.

The statement KING will make, according to the source, would explain his position on Vietnam.

LEVISON dictated the statement which KING was to make. (The statement in its entirety was disseminated by teletype and airtel and LHM dated 4/12/67 and 4/13/67, respectively, and captioned "COMINFIL SCLC". Copies were furnished the Bureau, Atlanta, Los Angeles and New York.)

4/12/67

On the above date, source advised a conference took place that date attended by KING, HARRY BELAFONTE, HARRY WACHTEL, STANLEY LEVISON, ANDREW YOUNG and CLEVELAND ROBINSON.

The conference concerned what KING described as a campaign to undermine his leadership in Negro communities because of his stand on Vietnam. (Information in great detail was submitted in airtel and LHM dated 4/14/67, and captioned "CIRM", copies to the Bureau, Atlanta and New York.)

4/13/67

LEVISON and KING were in contact re KING's policy on Vietnam. In that regard, LEVISON read a speech he had written for KING's deliverance before the Spring Mobilization march in NYC, 4/15/67. (Disseminated to the Bureau, Atlanta and New York by airtel and LHM dated 4/14/67, captioned "CIRM".) ✓

4/19/67

According to source, STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY WACHTEL were in contact that date during which time they discussed whether MARTIN LUTHER KING had agreed to run for the Presidency of the US. WACHTEL had learned that a statement attributed to the Women Strike for Peace was to be issued to that effect. LEVISON denied such a decision had been made by KING. (Disseminated by teletype, 4/19/67, captioned "CIRM".) ✓

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KING and LEVISON were in discussion on that date during which they discussed numerous articles which had appeared in papers throughout the country commenting on KING's involvement in the Vietnam issue.

4/22/67

Source advised LEVISON and KING were in contact on that date for the purpose of getting LEVISON's advice as to what he should say to the press about his position on the Presidency of the United States. LEVISON dictated a statement which KING was to use. ✓

The aforementioned along with the information of 4/13/67 was furnished to the Bureau, Atlanta and New York by airtel and LHM captioned "CIRM" and dated 4/25/67.

4/24/67

According to source, LEVISON, while in contact with ADELE KANTOR, SCLC Director in NYC, told her to add to the list of contributors to the SCLC, ANN FARNSWORTH's husband, a teacher at Harvard, and RICHARD RUSSELL of West Hartford, Connecticut. (This along with other information was submitted to the Bureau in an airtel and LHM dated 4/27/67 and captioned "CIRM".)

5/11/67

Source advised that LEVISON and ANDREW YOUNG were in contact on that date. YOUNG related that CORA WEISS told him that she had received word that the North Vietnamese representative in Stockholm, Sweden, wanted to meet with MARTIN LUTHER KING and other representatives of the American Peace Movement to get their appraisal of the movement. (Disseminated to the Bureau by teletype dated 5/11/67, and airtel and LHM, dated 5/12/67, captioned "CIRM".) ✓

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5/12/67

Source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING contacted STANLEY LEVISON on that date to get his evaluation of the invitation he and others received from the North Vietnamese. LEVISON concurred in KING's decision not to go to Paris, fearing he would get into trouble by dealing with some of the other guests. (Disseminated in airtel and LHM dated 5/16/67, copies to the Bureau, Atlanta and New York, under the caption "CIRM".)

5/14/67

Source advised that LEVISON would enter Mt. Sinai Hospital in NYC on 5/18/67, to undergo an operation for hernia.

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[REDACTED] is a telephone surveillance (tesur) on the residence of Stanley David Levison, Apartment 3-D, 585 West End Avenue, New York City. It was authorized 5/28/65 and installed 6/15/65. There had been prior installations dating back to 1962. b2 b7c

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Examples of valuable intelligence derived through this tesur during the past 90 days are as follows:

On 4/5/67, Stanley Levison and a former business associate were in contact and they discussed Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech of the previous night at Riverside Church where he urged others to become conscientious objectors to military service. Levison denied writing the speech, stating that an aide of King had written it.

Levison dictated a statement to King's secretary on 4/11/67 which was to be delivered by King at a press conference the next day. This statement explained King's opposition to the war in Vietnam.

It was learned on 4/13/67 that Levison wrote the speech that King was to deliver on 4/15/67 before the Spring Mobilization rally in New York City.

Again on 4/22/67, King requested Levison's advice as to what he should say to the press about King's candidacy for President of the United States. Levison dictated a statement that King was to use.

On 5/11/67, information was received that the North Vietnamese representative in Sweden wanted to meet with King and other representatives of the peace movement in an effort to get a true appraisal of the peace movement in the United States. An aide to King was seeking Levison's advice as to the advisability of King attending such a meeting.

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Levison advised against it and King decided not to go.

Because of the extreme importance of Levison-King tie to the civil rights and peace movement and the communist influence therein, plus the demonstrated past value of this source, it is recommended it be continued for another 90 days.

It is noted that the Attorney General authorized continuation of this telephone surveillance for a period of three months effective 4/1/67.

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Memorandum

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TO : The Attorney General

DATE: June 26, 1967

FROM : Director, FBI

S. D. LEVISON

SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCES

JUNE

Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 29, 1967, captioned as above, which requested your approval for continuation of the electronic surveillances which were being operated by this Bureau at that time. You gave your approval for their continuation for a period of three months effective April 1, 1967.

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Your approval is requested for the continuation of these electronic surveillances for a period of three months effective July 1, 1967.

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Memorandum

TO: JFM
FROM: [Signature]
SUBJECT: [Signature]

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-392452)

DATE: 7/10/67

SAC, NEW YORK (100-111180)

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On 7/5/67, [REDACTED] advised that an unknown female
advised LEWISON that she had received a letter from GUSTAVO
in Guayaquil referring to a labor contract problem. LEWISON
suggested that a labor lawyer be contacted.

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[REDACTED] advised this date that STANLEY LEVISON will attend the SCLC Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, 8/14 - 17/67. LEVISON intends to depart via Delta Airlines, flight 185, departing Kennedy Airport, 9:00 p.m., 8/13/67, arriving Atlanta, Georgia, 11:06 p.m., that date. ~~X~~

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